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Ms. Margaret Cunneen  
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Dear Margaret,

RE: Contemporary Issues in Child Maltreatment.

Thank you for agreeing to co-present a workshop at this important conference. As you can see from the programme, the general format is for a brief series of plenary sessions in the first hour of the programme, followed by a morning and an afternoon workshop, each offering a choice of five subjects. The second day of the programme is similar in that the workshops will be identical, but the plenaries will be different. Thus, participants will have the opportunity of attending four out of a possible ten workshops. The plenary sessions comprise very brief overviews of particular areas or issues, most of which are followed up in more detail in the workshops.

The workshop you will be co-presenting is entitled **Legal Issues in Investigation, Evaluation and Prosecution**. We will be providing an opportunity for you to meet with your co-presenter, Ms. Patricia Toth, the day before the conference begins in order to finalise plans. However we anticipate that you will do most of your planning beforehand. Each workshop is about two hours long so there should be ample time for presentation and discussion. You may wish to present interlocking presentations, or one of you may choose to lead the first day workshop and the other the second. In any event, we hope that you will leave ample time for interaction with the participants - hopefully at least an hour.

The areas we hoped you would address in the workshop, in addition to those which you feel are appropriate, are as follows:

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- . Why have legal intervention and especially prosecution?
- . How can mental health and legal teams most effectively combine?
- . Is systems abuse a myth? *Abuse by system of. med exam found well*
- . Can the legal system be significantly changed to make it easier for children to testify? *Just.*
- . Future directions *Addressing combatant*

We look forward to seeing you in March.

Best wishes,



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